

IMPLEMENTING PARKING RESTRICTIONS



Submit a Request for Parking Review

You will be asked to describe the problem and gather 5 signatures from neighbors who agree there is a problem. To receive the Request for Parking Review form please contact city staff at (425) 452-6457.



Transportation Staff Review the Location

Staff will assign a case number and make an initial determination regarding the overall safety and parking concern. If staff determine the location is eligible for parking restrictions, the recommendation will be sent to residents for feedback.



Receive Neighborhood Consensus

Once the feedback has been reviewed, a ballot will be sent to residents. RPZs and time-limited "No Parking" restrictions require 65% of all households on the street to approve the restrictions. "No Parking Any Time" restrictions require approval from 100% of households. If there is a safety concern, staff may implement parking restrictions without a neighborhood vote.



Implement Parking Restrictions

Implementation of new parking restrictions must be approved by City Council. Once approved, signs are installed and if an RPZ, residents are issued decals and visitor parking permits. Enforcement is on a complaint basis or an officer's discretion.



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RESIDENTIAL PARKING MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

City of Bellevue

BACKGROUND

The Residential Parking Management Program works with residents to address parking concerns by non-resident vehicles in neighborhoods adjacent to businesses, schools, and other facilities.

There are two types of parking restrictions available through the Residential Parking Management Program:

- Residential Parking Zones (RPZ)
- General Parking Restrictions

NEIGHBORHOOD ELIGIBILITY

A neighborhood may be eligible for zoned or general parking restrictions if it regularly experiences a significant amount of spillover parking from adjacent businesses or is near major generators of parked cars (high schools, shopping malls, etc.). Both types of restrictions require majority support from neighborhood residents, as well as City Council approval.

DECIDING THE BEST PARKING RESTRICTION FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD

RESIDENTIAL PARKING ZONES (RPZ)

A Residential Parking Zone (RPZ) is an area established by a City ordinance to restrict non-residential parking on neighborhood streets. It provides on-street parking, generally during business hours, for the residents who live on the street.

Residents whose property abuts the parking restrictions or who rely on access to their property through RPZ restricted streets are eligible to park on the street once they apply for and receive RPZ permits. Eligible households may receive up to 4 decals for personal vehicles and 2 guest permits. Residents in zones with hourly RPZ restrictions that extend beyond 5 p.m. or occur on weekends may receive up to 4 guest permits per household. There is no fee for the permits.

All vehicles parked on the street during the hours of enforcement must display a valid permit to avoid being cited. RPZ permits do not exempt a vehicle from the city's general parking codes.

GENERAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Depending on the nature of the spillover parking problem, a general parking restriction (such as "No Parking Anytime") may be the best option. With the "No Parking Anytime", time-based (e.g. "No Parking 8 AM to 5 PM"), and other general restrictions, no decals or guest permits are issued. All vehicles, including those belonging to residents and their guests, are not allowed to park on the street during the time indicated on the signs. There are no exceptions.

If residents need on-street parking during the day, the RPZ program may serve as the best parking restriction solution.

LEARN MORE

To view the step-by-step process for implementing parking restrictions visit the Residential Parking Management page at BellevueWa.gov/NTSS

RESIDENTIAL PARKING MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

STEPS FOR IMPLEMENTING OR MODIFYING A RESIDENTIAL PARKING ZONE (RPZ) OR GENERAL PARKING RESITRICTION

1. Resident and/or community association submits a Request for Parking Review form describing the problem and 5 signatures from neighbors who agree there is a problem.
2. Staff assign a case number and let residents know of next steps.
3. Staff make an initial determination regarding overall safety considerations and the parking concern. If on-street parking is considered to be a safety issue, “No Parking Anytime” restrictions will be proposed.
4. If on-street parking is not considered to be a safety issue, staff will investigate the source of the parking spillover and explore management strategies such as shared parking agreements with adjacent businesses.
5. After exploring other strategies, transportation staff will review the location to determine if it qualifies for the RPZ program or another Residential Parking Management tool based on the eligibility guidelines.
6. If the area qualifies, staff make an initial determination on what type of parking restriction or other treatment is appropriate for the neighborhood. These include residential parking zones (RPZs), “No Parking Any Time” signs, limited no parking restrictions (e.g. 2-hour parking), or other landscaping or channelization improvements.
7. Staff send residents the results of the field review, analysis, and recommendation to solicit feedback.
8. Once feedback is received, staff prepare a ballot to measure support from the wider neighborhood. RPZs and time-limited no parking restrictions require 65% of all households on each block to approve the restrictions. If “No Parking Any Time” restrictions (or other non-safety related restrictions that fully restrict parking for all users for any amount of time) are proposed, 100% of all households must approve.
9. If 65% support is not received, an area must wait 12 months before applying again.
10. If 65% support is received, staff take the proposal to the City Council for their review and approval. For RPZs, the proposal will include a “buffer area”. This buffer area consists of streets where the potential for spillover parking may relocate. The size and location of the buffer is determined by Transportation staff. For modification to existing RPZs, such as expanding the zone, residents follow steps 1 and 8 above.
11. Upon council approval, the parking restrictions are recorded through an Ordinance, signs are installed, and residents are issued permits if in an RPZ. Signs are placed within the city’s right-of-way, generally located along the frontage of homes. The number of signs installed is determined by staff to ensure the restrictions are enforceable. The ordinance takes 30 days to become effective.
12. Residents may apply for decals and visitor permits by filling out an application and showing proof of residency and appropriate vehicle documentation.
13. Enforcement is provided by the Bellevue Police Department and is on a complaint basis or at an officer’s discretion.

